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COAST GUARD FOR POLAD

1. EGYPTIAN/ISRAELI AGREEMENT. MEETING BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI OFFICERS TO SIGN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT ISRAEL'S INITIATIVE UNTIL SUNDAY. GOI SPOKESMAN SAID ISRAEL STILL DESIRES TO SIGN SIX-POINT PROPOSAL BUT AFTER ASSURING THAT WHAT IS SIGNED IS UNDERSTOOD BY BOTH SIDES TO MEAN SAME THING. IN EGYPT GENERAL TONE OF PRESS COVERAGE IS LESS OPTIMISTIC THAN ON NOVEMBER 9 AND MORE INCLINED TOWARD VIEW THAT ISRAELI PROCRASTINATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT WILL HAVE SERIOUS
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CONSEQUENCES. ACCORDING PRESS, EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS HAVE SAID BAB EL-MANDEB HAS NEVER BEEN AN ISSUE AND ANY ISRAELI ATTEMPT TO ADD TO SIX POINTS WOULD BE WASTE OF TIME. CONTRARY TO EARLIER REPORTS, PUBLISHED EGYPTIAN

VERSIONS OF THE AGREEMENT CONVEY ACCURATELY SIX POINTS OF AGREEMENT.

2. MILITARY SITUATION: ISRAEL HAS LODGED COMPLAINT WITH UN THAT ELAT BOUND TANKER (FLAG UNSPECIFIED) HIT MINE PLACED BY EGYPT AT 11:00 A.M. LOCAL IN GULF OF AQABA. ONLY SLIGHT DAMAGE RESULTED. EGYPTIAN EMBASSY SOURCES IN IRAQ HAVE INFORMED US IRAQ IS SENDING NEW UNITS TO SYRIA INCLUDING 200 TANKS. THEY DO NOT SEEM TO BELIEVE IRAQ WILL MAKE MAJOR EFFORT TO UPSET PEACE SETTLEMENT.

3. OIL: IN RESPONSE TO SAUDI PRESSURE TO CUT OIL SUPPLIES TO SIXTH FLEET, THE ITALIANS ARE HOLDING POSITION SIXTH FLEET HAS BEEN AT SEA SINCE THE MIDDLE EAST WAR BEGAN AND HAS BEEN REFUELED BY ITS OWN VESSELS. IF THE SAUDIS APPLY MORE PRESSURE AND DEMAND ASSURANCES SIXTH FLEET WILL NOT BE REFUELED IN ITALY, ITALIANS HAVE TOLD AMB. VOLPE THEY PLAN TO STATE SIXTH FLEET HAS ACCESS TO NATO STOCKS IN ITALY IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATO AGREEMENTS. ESSO PHILIPPINES INFORMED EMBASSY MANILA EXXON HEADQUARTERS HAS INSTRUCTED IT CEASE ALL DELIVERIES TO US FORCES COVERED BY DEFENSE FUEL SUPPLY AGENCY CONTRACTS. EXXON MOVE OBVIOUSLY STEMS FROM SAUDI ARABIA'S AND BAHRAIN'S EMBARGO.

4. UNEF/UNTSO: ASSISTANT UN SECRETARY GENERAL URQUHART HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELER THAT THE SOVIET AIRLIFT IS A QUOTE DISASTER UNQUOTE. SCHEDULES ARE NOT BEING MAINTAINED; PROMISED PLANES EITHER DO NOT SHOW UP OR ARRIVE WHEN NOT EXPECTED. URQUHART SAYS EVEN SMUN SENIOR ADVISOR OVINNIKOV IS REDUCED TO QUOTE ROLLING HIS EYES UNQUOTE AT THE INEPTNESS OF THE RUSSIAN AIRLIFT.

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5. ICRC ASSISTANCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST: ICRC CHIEF HACKE HAS TOLD US ISRAELIS ARE REFUSING ALLOW ICRC MEDICAL OFFICER WITH MEDICINES AND OTHER SUPPLIES TO ENTER SUEZ CITY WHERE 1200 SICK AND WOUNDED IN HOSPITAL DESPERATELY NEED MEDICAL AID. HACKE IS PREPARING MESSAGE TO GOI URGING HIS MEDICAL DELEGATION BE PERMITTED TO PASS. WE ARE SUPPORTING ICRC WITH GOI.

6. JAPANESE APOLOGIZE FOR PRESS LEAK: JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICER IN PRESS STATEMENT HAS EXPRESSED REGRETS NEWS ISRAELI/EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT BROKE PREMATURELY IN JAPANESE PRESS. SAID PRESS VIOLATED EMBARGO. RUSH

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